

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-54 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 25, and 26 are independent claims. Claim 5 has been cancelled and new claims 46-54 have been added. Claim 25 has been withdrawn. No new matter has been added.

Advisory Action Mailed March 30, 2011

In response to Applicants' after-final response filed on March 10, 2011, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action on March 30, 2011 indicating that Applicants' affidavit or other evidence filed after a final rejection, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because Applicant failed to "provide a showing of good and sufficient and reason why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented".

In response to that assertion, Applicants respectfully assert that the final rejection mailed January 10, 2011 was the first time the Examiner relied on U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0041413 to Burghardi et al. Accordingly, since the Examiner had never relied on Burghardi et al. before, Applicants' response of March 10, 2011, was the first opportunity for Applicant to address the Burghardi publication. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this is a good and sufficient reason why the alleged affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants did not actually submit an affidavit or other evidence. As pointed out in Applicants' response of March 10, 2011, Applicants' Swedish priority application was filed in English. In accordance with MPEP §201.15, if priority papers are already in the file and the Examiner finds a reference with the intervening effective date, the Examiner will study the papers, if they are in English, to determine if the Applicant is entitled to their date.

As set forth above, since Applicants' priority papers were in the English language, the Examiner should have determined whether Applicants were entitled to their U.S. filing date. For reasons set forth in the March 10, 2011 response, Applicant asserts that they are entitled to their Swedish priority application date, and therefore, have antedated Burghardi.

Application in Condition for Allowance

Applicants reiterate their position that March 10, 2011 response, which removes Burghardi et al. as prior art against the present application, places all of claims 1-4 and 6-54 in condition for allowance. Again, Applicants reiterate that **in the event the Examiner's next communication is not a Notice of Allowance, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned to schedule a personal or telephonic interview.**

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-4 and 6-54 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

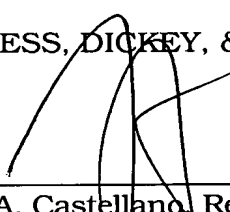
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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